

NBC News | SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll was conducted online from Tuesday, July 2 until Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Results are among a regional sample of 4,869 adults aged 18 and over, including 4,203 registered voters. The regional sample includes respondents who live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas or Virginia. The error estimate for registered voters is plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Among registered voters

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	3	10	3	24	21	22	9	7	1
9/9—9/24/18	3	8	4	16	22	27	10	9	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	38	16	11	34	1
9/9—9/24/18	36	16	8	41	1

If the Democratic primary or caucus in your state were being held today and the following candidates were running, who would you vote for? [AMONG DEM AND DEM-LEANERS; RANDOMIZED]

	<u>7/2-7/16/19</u>
Joe Biden	27
Bernie Sanders	14
Elizabeth Warren	14
Kamala Harris	13
Beto O'Rourke	8
Pete Buttigieg	5
Cory Booker	3
Julian Castro	2
Tim Ryan	2
Andrew Yang	1
John Delaney	1
Michael Bennet	1
Amy Klobuchar	1
Marianne Williamson	1
Tulsi Gabbard	1
Jay Inslee	0
Wayne Messam	0
Steve Bullock	0
John Hickenlooper	0
Kirsten Gillibrand	0
Mike Gravel	0
Bill de Blasio	0
Joe Sestak	0
Seth Moulton	0
No answer	6

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	5	23	30	41	2
9/9—9/24/18	4	24	28	42	2

Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state legislature is handling its job?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	11	44	26	17	2
9/9—9/24/18	9	41	28	20	2

How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Fairly good</u>	<u>Fairly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	28	44	20	7	1
9/9—9/24/18	27	44	19	8	2

How would you rate the condition of your state economy these days?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Fairly good</u>	<u>Fairly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	24	51	18	5	1
9/9—9/24/18	24	48	19	7	2

How often do you trust the federal government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	3	12	27	28	29	1
9/9—9/24/18	3	14	25	31	26	1

How often do you trust the state government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	4	22	29	25	19	1
9/9—9/24/18	4	22	29	27	19	1

Thinking about the elections next year, how important will state government spending on infrastructure be to your vote?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not very important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	37	46	12	4	2

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to improve public schools in your state?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	21	35	24	19	1
9/9—9/24/18	22	38	21	18	1

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to fund improvements to infrastructure, like roads and bridges, in your state?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	18	43	25	13	1
9/9—9/24/18	18	45	23	13	1

Thinking about the elections next year, if a candidate wanted to expand Medicaid in your state, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/2019	38	30	30	1

Do you think race relations in your state are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	<u>Getting better</u>	<u>Getting worse</u>	<u>Staying about the same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	20	34	44	1
9/9—9/24/18	14	44	41	1

Do you support or oppose removing Confederate monuments and statues from public spaces around your state?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	20	16	17	46	1
9/9—9/24/18	23	15	17	44	1

In 1973, the Roe v. Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/2019	40	58	3

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll was conducted online among a regional sample of 4,869 adults aged 18 and over, including 4,203 who say they are registered to vote. The Southern region includes those who live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas or Virginia. The poll was conducted from July 2, 2019 until July 16, 2019. Respondents for this survey were selected from the more than two million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day.

A multi-stage raking was performed to construct regional weights. First, state-division geographic units were defined according to state-level population sizes and Census division classification within the sampled region. States with over five million residents are defined as stand-alone units, while smaller states are grouped together within Census division to form secondary geographic units. Then, zip codes are classified into five groups according to their population sizes within each geographic unit. Initial respondent weights are derived from estimated sampling rates on the SurveyMonkey News Tracking Endpage within each zipcode group. At first stage of raking, the initial weights are controlled to geographic unit population sizes. The second stage of raking adjusts initial weights by gender, age, race, and education for non-voters of 2016 general election and gender, age, race, education and presidential vote for voters of 2016 general election. Gender, age, race and education are weighted to match regional targets from the American Community Survey, while the 2016 presidential vote is weighted to the regional targets obtained from the Federal Election Commission.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey among registered voters is plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 5,000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total RVs	4,203	2.3
Republican RVs	2,145	3.1
Democrat RVs	1,437	4.0
Independent RVs	563	6.5
Male RVs	2,118	2.8
Female RVs	2,085	2.9
White RVs	3,074	2.5
Black RVs	506	6.5
Hispanic RVs	276	7.9
Other RVs	347	8.3